



Sunrise JTA Project

Jobs and Transportation Act Improvements

Summer 2013

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Sunrise JTA Project?

When completed, the Sunrise JTA (Jobs and Transportation Act) Project will result in a new road from I-205 to SE 122nd Avenue and improved roadway connections to the Lawnfield Industrial District. Construction will begin in 2013 and include:

- New two-lane highway (one lane in each direction) from the Milwaukie Expressway (OR 224) at I-205 to SE 122nd Avenue at OR 212/224.
- New I-205 overcrossing connecting SE 82nd Drive and SE 82nd Avenue.
- Improved bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in the area.
- Improved intersection at SE 122nd Avenue and OR 211/224.
- Additional improvements such as traffic signals, signs, striping, drainage and water quality.

What are some of the benefits of the project?

The Sunrise Corridor is an essential freight route from I-5 and I-205 to U.S. 26 and Eastern Oregon. In addition, the Clackamas Industrial Area is home to one of the state's busiest and most important freight distribution centers. The project, which is expected to accommodate nearly 20,000 users by the year 2020, will:

- Enhance regional and local mobility and connectivity.
- Reduce the annual delay for motorists and commercial vehicles by approximately 980,000 hours.
- Reduce the cost of congestion per year by about \$22.5 million.
- Increase economic development opportunities.
- Provide an alternative route to and from areas east of SE 122nd Avenue.
- Significantly relieve congestion on OR 212/224, I-205 and SE 82nd Drive.
- Enhance the bicycle and pedestrian environment.

We've been hearing about this project for a long time. When can we expect something to happen?

The project was awarded to a construction contractor in April 2013 and construction activities have commenced. The project is expected to be completed in Summer 2016.

How will bicyclists and pedestrians be accommodated?

A new bicycle and pedestrian bridge will be built over the I-205 southbound off-ramp to SE 82nd Drive. It also will connect to the I-205 multi-use path. The multi-use path will cross I-205 on a new bridge to connect with bicycle lanes and sidewalks on SE 82nd Drive.

- A new shared-use path will be constructed from the I-205 multi-use path to SE Lawnfield Road.
- Another new shared use path from SE Mather Road to 122nd Avenue north of the new Sunrise Highway.
- The new Tolbert Street overcrossing will provide a safe bicycle and pedestrian connection over the Union Pacific tracks between SE Industrial Way (Minuteman Way) and 82nd Drive.

What impacts will the project have on traffic and existing roads?

There will be minimal disruption to existing traffic patterns during construction of the Sunrise JTA project since it will be a new road. Traffic will be affected where the project joins SE 82nd Drive at the Milwaukie Expressway/I-205 and also at 122nd Avenue. Detours can be expected when certain segments of the road are closed for construction. Every attempt will be made to minimize these inconveniences.

The most significant long-term impact will be the closure of SE Lawnfield Road between 82nd Drive and the Union Pacific railroad tracks. A new connection, Industrial Way, will extend from Lawnfield Road to Mather Road to access I-205 at the existing Clackamas

interchange. In addition, a new overcrossing at SE Tolbert Street will be constructed to provide better access to services on SE 82nd Drive. Lawnfield Road will be reconstructed to reduce the steep grades and curvature improving the connection to I-205 at the Sunnybrook interchange. At the new alignment of 82nd Drive and the I-205 interchange, there will be a connection to 82nd Avenue via a new overcrossing of the freeway.

What impacts will the project have on Tri-Met routes and stops?

Minimal short-term impacts are expected except where certain road segments are closed as noted above. Tri-Met bus pullouts along the new SE 82nd Drive alignment will be similar to what currently exists now.

How much will the project cost? Where is the money coming from? Will it create jobs?

The total estimated cost is \$118 million: \$100 million comes from the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act and remaining funds from other state and federal sources. Approximately 1,000 direct construction and related jobs will be created or sustained (over 300 per year for the three years during construction).

Are other improvements being made to streets in the area?

Highway 212/224 – Lawnfield Connection – Completed

Clackamas County is leading two projects to connect Highway 212 to SE Lawnfield Road by way of SE 102nd Avenue, Industrial Way, Mather Road and 98th Court. Construction was completed in 2010 and 2011. The Highway 212-Lawnfield connection provides wider, smoother and safer travel for freight and passenger vehicles.

Industrial (Minuteman) Way

The Sunrise JTA project will construct a new extension of SE Industrial Way from Mather Road to Lawnfield Road along the east side of the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way.

Lawnfield Road

Clackamas County is currently constructing Lawnfield Road from SE 98th Court to 97th Avenue to reduce grades and curves, add bicycle lanes and sidewalks and improve the safety of the intersection at 97th Avenue. This will provide better access to I-205 at the Sunnybrook interchange.

SE Tolbert Street

Clackamas County will improve the existing intersection at SE 82nd Drive and extend SE Tolbert Street over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to a new intersection at Minuteman Way. This connection will provide convenient access to services on SE 82nd Drive for the Lawnfield Industrial Area.

Is any private property being acquired?

Purchases of partial and entire parcels of private property were made according to federal guidelines. Several businesses were relocated as part of the process. Public parcels will be transferred to ODOT through agreements between the parties.

If the project increases noise levels in the area, what will be done about them?

Studies on how to mitigate noises from the entire Sunrise Corridor project, including the Sunrise JTA project, have been completed. During the Sunrise JTA Project, two new soundwalls will be built: the first adjacent to the Oak Acres Mobile Home Park and the other close to the I-205 southbound on-ramp from the Milwaukie Expressway.

How and where will stormwater runoff be treated? Will the project cause any flooding?

Stormwater will be captured and treated in detention ponds and bioswales. The treated stormwater will be piped to existing stormwater sewers at the east end of the project and to a new detention pond northwest of Lawnfield Road at the west end. This will help offset current flooding issues in the area.

Where can I get more information?

Visit the project webpage at: www.sunrisejta.org. If your organization or group would like a briefing, please contact Susan Hanson, Community Affairs Coordinator at 503-731-3490 or susan.c.hanson@odot.state.or.us.